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SUBJ TRUDEAU'S REMARKS IN JAMAICA

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SETTING FOR PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S REMARKS MENTIONED
REFTEL WAS A PRESS CONFERENCE IN KINGSTON APRIL 30 IN
COURSE OF WHICH FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE:
BEGIN QUOTE: Q: MRS. GANDHI EXPRESSED SOME SATISFACTION
AT THE RESULT OF THE SITUATION IN VIETNAM AND MR. LEE
EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN, PARTICULARLY ABOUT AMMUNITIONS,
ABOUT ARMAMENTS. WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THIS?

A: WELL I WOULDN'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR EITHER PRIME MINISTER
GANDHI OR PRIME MINISTER LEE. MY REACTION IS THAT THE IN-
EVITABLE HAS HAPPENED AND I THINK THAT IT IS A VERY SERIOUS
SITUATION FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES,
THEIR WHOLE INVOLVEMENT IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD. IT HAS
APPEARED TO BE INEVITABLE FOR SOME TIME -- A LONGER
OR SHORTER TIME DEPENDING ON THE VIEW ONE HAD OF EVENTS
THERE. I THINK IT IS TOO EARLY TO KNOW WHAT CANADA
WILL DO AS CONCERNS THE REGIME TO BE SET UP AND WE
WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW THE USUAL PROCEDURES. THOSE WHO
IN THE PAST CRITICIZED THE UNITED STATES FOR NOT PULLING
OUT VERY QUICKLY NOW ARE PROBABLY GOING TO REALIZE
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THAT THE UNITED STATES HAVING PULLED OUT, THERE MAY BE

A MEASURE OF DISORDER THERE. I HOPE IT WILL NOT BE GREAT. I HOPE THERE WILL BE NO 'REGLEMENTS DE COMPTE' -- HOW DO YOU SAY THIS IN ENGLISH? NO SETTLING OF ACCOUNTS.

Q: WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY 'SERIOUS'...?

A: WELL THE LEADERSHIP THAT THEY HAVE BEEN EXERCISING IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA HAS OVIOUSLY COME TO NAUGHT. THE INABILITY OF THE PRESIDENT TO GET FROM CONGRESS A CARRYING OUT OF THE POLICY THAT HE STILL FELT NECESSARY IN RECENT TIMES IN THE WHOLE AREA IS SOMETHING WHICH CERTAINLY WILL CAUSE CONCERN TO THOSE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN INCLINED TO COUNT ON THE UNITED STATES FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN ANY EVENTS. I AM NOT THINKING PARTICULARLY OF VIETNAM BUT CAMBODIA AND LAOS, THE WHOLE AREA. OBVIOUSLY, THE PRESIDENT WASN'T ABLE TO DELIVER WHAT HE WANTED TO DELIVER BECAUSE HE WASN'T ABLE TO GET IT OUT OF CONGRESS AND I THINK THAT THIS IS A VERY WORRISOME THING FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT BE LOOKING AROUND FOR WHERE THE POWER EXISTS IN THE WORLD TODAY.

Q: ...(INAUDIBLE) CONCERN...(INAUDIBLE) SOME OTHER COUNTRIES PARTICULARLY RUSSIA...(INAUDIBLE).

A: I DON'T THINK THIS WILL BE THE SOVIET REACTION. I THINK THAT THEY ARE NOT ALL THAT INTERESTED IN DESTABILIZING RAPIDLY THE WORLD SITUATION. I THINK THAT THEIR STRATEGIES ARE MUCH MORE LONG TERM ONES. I AM THINKING MORE OF REGIMES IN COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT FEEL THREATENED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. WILL THEY LOOK TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FRIENDS IN THE FUTURE OR WOULD THEY LOOK ELSEWHERE? AND I THINK THAT IS A DESTABILIZING THING WHEN YOU TAKE THE COUNTRIES INDIVIDUALLY.

Q: YOU THINK IT IS STABILIZING?

A: DESTABILIZING, I THINK.

Q: WELL, ARE YOU SUBSCRIBING THEN TO THE SO-CALLED DOMINO THEORY?
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A: NOT IN THAT SENSE BECAUSE THE DOMINO, I THINK, ALWAYS TENDS TO APPLY IN A GEOGRAPHIC REGION. BUT CERTAINLY THE EFFECTS ON INTERNATIONAL STABILITY, AS I JUST INDICATED WILL BE MADE OBVIOUS IN TIME TO COME AND ALTHOUGH THE DOMINO THEORY MAY APPLY IN THAT PARTICULAR PART OF THE WORLD AND CERTAINLY LEE KUAN YEW, THE PRIME MINISTER OF SINGAPORE, HASN'T, BUT HE COULD

BE JUSTIFIED IN REMINDING THE WORLD THAT HE WAS SAYING
SOME YEARS AGO: 'IT IS ALL VERY WELL'--HE WAS
TALKING TO AMERICAN LIBERALS--' IT IS ALL VERY WELL
FOR YOU TO TELL THE AMERICANS TO GET OUT AND TO GET
OUT TOMORROW, BUT WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME AND
WHAT IS GOING TOHAPPEN TO MALAYSIA?' HE COULD NOW
SAY I TOLD YOU SO, BUT IT MIGHT BE TOO SOON. LET'S
SEE WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. END QUOTE.
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